(a) how many major and minor accidents have occurred in Bharat Dynamic Ltd., Hyderabad during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number of workers killed or injured in such accidents, year-wise and total loss caused in accident;

(c) the compensation paid to the affected ones in each of these accidents; and

(d)the preventive measures taken to avoid such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Two major accidents, one during 2001 and another one in 2002, occurred in BDL during the last five years.

(b) In the first accident, one person was killed and 3 were injured. In the second accident 2 persons were killed and 9 were injured. The total loss caused in these two accidents was estimated at Rs.2168.40 lakh.

(c) Compensation of Rs.15,61,781/- was paid in the first accident alongwith employment to the spouse of the deceased employee. In the second accident compensation of Rs.15,28,698/- was paid alongwith employment to the spouse of the deceased employee.

(d) Safety measures have been streamlined to avoid accidents. Safety Officers have been appointed Division-wise to regularly monitor the safety measures. Explosive Safety Manual has been prepared in consultation with STEC, Ordnance Factories. Procedures as per the manual are being strictly followed. Regular classes are conducted on safety to bring in awareness among the employees.

Mid-air collision between drone and MIG-21

132. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-air collision between a newly-acquired drone and a MIG-21 fighter has occurred over the Bhatinda airbase in Punjab on October 24,2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) collided with a MiG-21 aircraft. The UAV was destroyed in the collision. The MiG-21 suffered minor damage.

A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the reasons.

Funds for Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal

133. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of civic amenities like potable water, sanitation and construction of roads during the year 2003-04 to the various Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that all these Cantonment Boards have not been able to maintain civic amenities for want of funds;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for allocation of additional funds to these Cantonment Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d)The Cantonment Baords in Uttranchal State have provided the following amount in the Budget for the year 2003-04 for maintaining civic amenities:-

Jo. Name of the Cantonment Board	Amount (Approx.) (in Ruppes)
1. Almora	Rs. 7,55,309/-
2. Chakrata	Rs. 2,30,10,700/-
3. Clement Town	Rs. 41,33,900/-
4. Dehradun	Rs. 1,91,00,000/-
5. Lansdowne	Rs. 28,78,000/-
6. Landour	Rs. 20,83,200/-
7. Nainital	Rs. 17,25,711/-
8. Ranikhet	Rs. 7,52,78,546/-
9. Roorkee	Rs. 62,86,900/-

† Original notice ot the question was received in Hindi.